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Organization of the work of the Third Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee are listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairperson of the Third Committee (A/C.3/55/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/55/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/55/250), relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly on the rationalization of its work and that of the Third Committee, the schedule of related intergovernmental meetings and the availability of documentation, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services.

3. The attention of the Committee is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 54/236 of 23 December 1999, entitled "Programme planning", regarding the review by, inter alia, the Main Committees of the General Assembly of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions (A/55/6).

Interactive dialogues and debates

4. In accordance with the evolving practice of the Committee, immediately following the introduction of reports by executive heads and senior members of the Secretariat at the beginning of each debate, time will be set aside for an interactive dialogue between these officials and members of the Committee as part of the formal proceedings. Delegations are invited to participate actively in these dialogues with questions and comments in an unscripted format. They are requested to withhold their prepared statements for the Committee's official debates immediately following the dialogues.

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5. Under agenda items 110 (Promotion and protection of the rights of children), 112 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination), 113 (Right of peoples to self-determination) and 114 (Human rights questions), time will likewise be set aside for dialogues with the special rapporteurs and representatives who will be reporting on their activities.

6. Under agenda item 114, it should be noted that delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d), which are to be discussed separately. Delegations may also make two statements under sub-items 114 (b), (c) and (e), but they should not make two statements on any one of those sub-items.

List of documents

7. Attention is drawn to the status of preparation of documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Third Committee (A/C.3/55/L.1/Add.1). Because of the critical need for the timely issuance of documentation, that document will be revised to update the information contained therein.

Length of statements

8. In accordance with established practice, the Committee has decided to limit statements on all agenda items. The time limit for statements in the general discussion of the various agenda items is seven minutes for delegations and 15 minutes for representatives of groups of delegations. Secretariat officials will also be limited to seven-minute statements, except when they deliver oral reports. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for the same day and both meetings are devoted to consideration of the same item. The first statement in exercise of the right of reply may be five minutes, and the second statement should be no longer than three minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

9. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance for ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement that at least one quarter of the members of the Committee must be present to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Control and limitation of documentation

10. The Committee's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995 on the control and limitation of documentation. The Secretariat wishes to emphasize, in particular, paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of that resolution, in which the Assembly requested, inter alia, restraint on the part of members of all intergovernmental bodies in making proposals containing requests for new reports.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

11. The Committee is reminded that in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/55/3) are to be considered in conjunction with documentation under the relevant substantive agenda items, as well as under item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

12. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Third Committee and previous decisions of the General Assembly, the Assembly has set a target date of Friday, 10 November, for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Proposed programme of work of the Third Committee

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 5 September	
(Plenary of the General Assembly) Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees to elect the Chairpersons	
Friday, 15 September	
10 a.m.	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	
Week of 25-29 September	
Monday, 25 September	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 103 Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family[a]	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2000 (A/55/3)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (A/55/167)
	Report on the World Social Situation, 2000 (E/2000/9)
Item 104 Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons[a]	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (A/55/167)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on items 103 and 104	
Tuesday, 26 September	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 103 and 104 General discussion (continued)	

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 27 September	
No meetings	
Thursday, 28 September	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 103 and 104 General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 103 and 104	
Friday, 29 September	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 105 Crime prevention and criminal justice[b]	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2000 (A/55/3)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/55/156)
	Report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice (A/55/119)
Item 106 International drug control[b]	Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly and on Assembly resolution 53/115 (A/55/126)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on items 105 and 106	
Week of 2-6 October	
Monday, 2 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 105 and 106 General discussion (continued)	

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 3 October	
No meetings	
Wednesday, 4 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 105 and 106 General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 105 and 106	
Thursday, 5 October	
No meetings	
Friday, 6 October	
3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 107 Advancement of women[c]	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2000 (A/55/3) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/55/38 and Rev.1) Report of the Secretary-General on trafficking in women and girls (A/55/322) Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (A/55/293) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/55/308) Report of the Secretary-General on the revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/55/271)
Item 108 Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"[c]	Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/55/341)

6 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on items 107 and 108

Week of 9-13 October

Monday, 9 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 107 and 108 General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 10 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 107 and 108 General discussion (concluded)

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 107 and 108

Wednesday, 11 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/55/41)
Item 110 Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/55/201)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (A/55/297)
	Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict (A/55/163-S/2000/712)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on item 110

Thursday, 12 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 110 General discussion (continued)

Friday, 13 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 110 General discussion (concluded)

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 110

Week of 16-20 October

Monday, 16 October

3 p.m.

Introductory statements and general discussion of:

Item 111 Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade (A/55/268)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (A/55/202)
6 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 111*	
Tuesday, 17 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. *Item 111* General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 111*	
Wednesday, 18 October	
10 a.m. Introductory statements, dialogue with special rapporteurs and general discussion of:	
Item 112 Elimination of racism and racial discrimination[4]	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2000 (A/55/3) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/55/18) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/55/266) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and implementation of the programme of action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (A/55/285) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/55/203)

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for the full implementation of the programme of action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/55/304)
	Report of the Commission on Human Rights acting as the preparatory committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/55/307)
Item 113 Right of peoples to self-determination[4]	Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of peoples to self-determination (A/55/176)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/55/334)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on items 112 and 113

Thursday, 19 October

10 a.m.

Items 112 and 113 General discussion (continued)

3 p.m.

Medium-term plan (see agenda item 118, Programme planning)

Programme	*Documentation*
Friday, 20 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 112 and 113 General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 112 and 113	
Week of 23-27 October	
Monday, 23 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements and general discussion of:	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2000 (A/55/3)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance and addenda (A/55/280/Add.1 and 2)
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (A/55/296/Add.1)
Item 114 (a) Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [c f]	Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/55/40)
	Report of the Committee against Torture (A/55/44)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (A/55/207)
	Report of the Secretary-General on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (A/55/278)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/55/178)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/55/208)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/55/205)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/55/290)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies on their twelfth meeting (A/55/206)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the final report of the independent expert on enhancing the long-term effectiveness of the United Nations human rights treaty monitoring system (A/55/313 and E/CN.4/2000/98)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (A/55/204)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on item 114 (a)

Tuesday, 24 October

10 a.m.

Item 114 (a) General discussion (concluded)

Programme	*Documentation*
3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with special rapporteurs and representatives and general discussion of:	
Item 114 (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [cf]	Note by the Secretariat on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/55/214)
	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to development (A/55/302)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the mid-term global evaluation of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004 (A/55/360)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (A/55/280)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the right to development (A/55/306)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (A/55/288)
	Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/55/342)
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity and addendum (A/55/296 and Add. 1)

Programme		*Documentation*
		Report of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders (A/55/292)
		Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/55/279)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (A/55/291)
		Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation based in the principles of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/55/213)
		Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the rule of law (A/55/177)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/55/275)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (A/55/289)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/55/283)
Item 114 (c)	Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [c f]	Note by the Secretariat regarding the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/55/318)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the human rights situation in the Sudan
		Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights situation in Burundi (A/55/358)

Programme	Documentation
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Haiti (A/55/335)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of human rights in Afghanistan (A/55/346)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (A/55/282-S/2000/788)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Iraq (A/55/294)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/55/359)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situations on human rights in Rwanda (A/55/269)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/55/363)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the human rights situation in southern Lebanon and Western Bekaa
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo

Programme		*Documentation*
Item 114 (d)	Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [c f]	
Item 114 (e)	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [c f]	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/55/36)

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 114 (a)

Closure of list of speakers on items 114 (b) to (e)

Wednesday, 25 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 114 (b) to (e) General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 26 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 114 (b) to (e) General discussion (continued)

Friday, 27 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 114 (b) to (e) General discussion (continued)

Week of 30 October-3 November

Monday, 30 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 114 (b) to (e) General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 31 October

10 a.m.

Items 114 (b) to (e) General discussion (continued)

Wednesday, 1 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 114 (b) to (e) General discussion (continued)

Programme	Documentation
Thursday, 2 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 114 (b) to (e) General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 114 (b), (c), (d) and (e)	
Friday, 3 November	
Action on draft proposals	
Week of 6-10 November	
Monday, 6 November	
10 a.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and general discussion of:	
Item 109 Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/55/12 and Add.1) Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on item 109	

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 7 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 109 General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 8 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 109 General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 109	
3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Thursday, 9 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on all outstanding draft proposals	
Friday, 10 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on all outstanding draft proposals	
Item 12 Report of the Economic and Social Council	Report of the Economic and Social Council for 2000 (A/55/3)

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

[a] It is proposed to discuss items 103 and 104 jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[b] It is proposed to discuss items 105 and 106 jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[c] It is proposed to discuss items 107 and 108 jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[d] See General Assembly decision 52/428; items 112 and 113 to be discussed jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[e] See General Assembly decision 53/434; sub-items (a) and (d) to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (e) to be discussed jointly.

[f] See General Assembly decision 53/434; delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one of those sub-items.

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Addendum

Status of preparation of documentation

The annex to the present note provides information on the status of documentation before the Third Committee as at 12 September 2000.

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Annex

Status of preparation of documentation for the Third Committee as at 12 September 2000

Document title/symbol	Author/mandate	Estimated date of submission	Date received	Issued
103. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family				
A/55/167 Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (see also item 106)	DESA GA res. 54/24 and 54/262		20-Jul-00	✓
E/2000/9 Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation	DESA GA res. 44/56		30-May-00	✓
104. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons				
A/55/167 Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (see also item 105)	DESA GA res. 54/24 and 54/262	15-Jul-00	20-Jul-00	✓
105. Crime prevention and criminal justice				
A/55/156 Report of the Secretary-General on concrete proposals to strengthen the programmes and activities of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders	ODCCP GA res. 54/130		19-Jul-00	

Document title/symbol	Author/mandate	Estimated date of submission	Date received	Issued
A/55/119 Report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice	ODCCP GA res. 54/131		05-Jul-00	☑
106. International drug control				
A/55/126 Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly	ODCCP GA res. 54/132		10-Jul-00	☐
107. Advancement of women				
(Report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat)				☐
A/55/38(Suppl. No. 38)(Part I) 01. Report of the Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Suppl. No. 38 - Part I)	DESA GA res. 34/180		25-Apr-00	☑
A/55/38Rev. 1 (Suppl. No. 38) 02. Report of the Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Suppl. No. 38 - Part II)	DESA	01-Aug-00	15-Aug-00	☐
A/55/322 03. Report of the Secretary-General on trafficing in women and girls	DESA GA res. 53/116	01-Aug-00	24-Aug-00	☐
A/55/293 04. Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action	DESA GA res. 53/120		11-Aug-00	☐

Document title/symbol	Author/mandate	Estimated date of submission	Date received	Issued
A/55/308 05. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	DESA GA res. 45/124, 54/137 and 54/4	01-Aug-00	18-Aug-00	☐
A/55/ 07. Report of the Secretary-General on revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women	INSTRAW GA res. 54/140	05-Sep-00		☐
A/55/271 08. Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (see also item 98)	UNIFEM GA res. 39/125	30-Jun-00	03-Aug-00	☐
108. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"				
A/55/341 Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"	DESA GA res. 54/141	05-Sep-00	30-Aug-00	☐
109. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions				
A/55/12(Suppl. No. 12) 01. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Suppl. No. 12)	UNHCR GA res. 428 (V)		14-Aug-00	☐

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A/55/12/Add.1 (Suppl. 12A) 02. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - Addendum (Suppl. No. 12A)	UNHCR GA res. 428 (V)	31-Oct-00		☐
A/55/ 03. Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order	OCHA GA res. 53/124	15-Aug-00		☐
A/55/ 04. Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the CIS and Relevant Neighbouring States	UNHCR GA res. 54/144	01-Sep-00		☐
A/55/ 05. Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa	UNHCR GA dec. 53/434 and res. 54/147	08-Sep-00		☐
110. Promotion and protection of the rights of children				
A/55/41(Suppl. No. 41) 01. Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Suppl. No. 41)	HR GA res. 44/25		08-Jun-00	✔
A/55/201 03. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child	HR GA res. 54/149		28-Jul-00	☐
A/55/ 04. Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative for Children affected by Armed Conflict	OSRSG-CAC GA res. 54/149	31-Aug-00		☐

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A/55/297 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report by the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography	HR ECOSOC dec. 2000/280		15-Aug-00	☐
A/55/163-S/2000/712 Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict	OSRSG-CAC Security Council res. 1261 (1999)		19-Jul-00	☑
111. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People				
A/55/ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the Implementation of the Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People - Addendum (on volunteer fund)	HR GA res. 54/150			☐
A/55/268 Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People	HR GA res. 54/150		07-Aug-00	☐
A/55/202 Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous People	HR GA res. 40/131		28-Jul-00	☐
112. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination				
A/55/18(Suppl. No. 18) 01. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Suppl. No. 18)	HR GA res. 2106 A (XX)			☐

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A/55/285 03. Report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance	HR GA res. 53/132		10-Aug-00	
A/55/203 04. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	HR GA res. 53/131		28-Jul-00	
A/55/ 05. Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for the full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	HR GA res. 54/154			
A/55/304 06. Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	HR GA res. 54/153		17-Aug-00	
A/55/307 Report of the Commission on Human Rights acting as the preparatory committee for the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance	HR GA res. 52/111		16-Aug-00	

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A/55/280/Add.1 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance - Addendum (visit to Turkey))	HR GA res. 54/159		11-Aug-00	☐
A/55/296/Add.1 Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity - Addendum	HR GA res. 54/160		08-Sep-00	☐
(a) Implementation of human rights instruments				
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A/55/205 07. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and members of Their Families	HR GA res. 54/158		28-Jul-00	✓
A/55/290 08. Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	HR GA res. 54/156 ECOSOC dec. 2000/265		11-Aug-00	☐

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A/55/204 Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery	HR GA res. 46/122		28-Jul-00	✓
(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms				
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A/55/302 Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to development	HR GA res. 54/175		09-Aug-00	☐
A/55/360 Note by the Secretary-Genera transmitting the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the mid-term global evaluation of the Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004)	HR GA res. 54/161		07-Sep-00	☐
A/55/280 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance	HR GA res. 54/159 ECOSOC dec 2000/261		08-Sep-00	☐

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A/55/296 Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity	HR GA res. 54/160		15-Aug-00	☐
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A/55/279 Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights	HR GA res. 53/148		08-Aug-00	☐
A/55/291 Report of the Secretary-General on situation of human rights in Cambodia	HR GA res. 54/171		11-Aug-00	☐
A/55/213 Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity	HR GA res. 54/174		02-Aug-00	✓

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A/55/289 Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances	HR GA res. 53/150		10-Aug-00	☐
A/55/283 Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development	HR GA res. 54/175		08-Aug-00	☐
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A/55/374 02. Note by the the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan	HR GA res. 54/182 ECOSOC dec 2000/258		11-Sep-00	☐
A/55/ 03. Report of the Secretary-General on situation of human rights in Myanmar	DPA GA res. 54/186	23-Oct-00		☐

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A/55/335 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti	HR GA res. 54/187 ECOSOC dec. 2000/277		28-Aug-00	☐
A/55/346 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of human rights in Afghanistan	HR GA res. 54/185 ECOSOC dec. 2000/251		07-Sep-00	☐
A/55/282S/2000/788 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	HR GA res. 54/184 - ECOSOC dec. 2000/257		09-Aug-00	☐
A/55/294 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq	HR GA res. 54/178 ECOSOC dec. 2000/250		14-Aug-00	☐
A/55/359 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	HR ECOSOC dec. 2000/255		05-Sep-00	☐
A/55/269 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda	HR GA res. 54/188		04-Aug-00	☐

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Report of the Secretary-General on the Human Rights situation in southern Lebanon and western Bekaa	HR ECOSOC dec. 2000/249			☐
Situation of human rights in Kosovo	HR GA res. 54/183			☐
(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action				
A/55/ (Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action - merged with 114 (e))	HR GA res. 48/121			☐
(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights				
A/55/36(Suppl. No. 36) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human rights (Suppl. No. 36)	HR GA res. 48/141, and 48/121, ECOSOC dec. 2000/256 and dec. 2000/273		04-Aug-00	☐

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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

International Year of Volunteers

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2000/25, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Volunteers". The text of the draft resolution is reproduced below.

International Year of Volunteers

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/17 of 20 November 1997, in which it proclaimed the year 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers, and also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/44 of 22 July 1997,

Recalling also the outcome document of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly,[1] entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held in Geneva in June 2000, in which the General Assembly recommended the promotion of the involvement of volunteers in social development, inter alia, by encouraging Governments, taking into account the views of all actors, to develop comprehensive strategies and programmes by raising public awareness about the value and opportunities of voluntarism and by facilitating an enabling environment for individuals and other actors of civil society to engage in, and the private sector to support, voluntary activities,

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Special Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/S-24/8/Rev.1), chap. 3.

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Welcoming the decision of the Commission for Social Development, at its thirty-eighth session, to include the subject of volunteering in its agenda for its thirty-ninth session in 2001,

Taking into account the valuable contribution of volunteering to both economic and social development,

Bearing in mind that volunteering is one of the important ways in which people participate in societal development,

1. *Welcomes* the activities undertaken by States, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations and the United Nations system for the promotion of volunteerism and, specifically, in preparation for the observance of the International Year of Volunteers, and encourages them to continue their efforts;

2. *Calls upon* States to promote, especially during the Year, an environment conducive to the discussion, at national and local levels, of the characteristics and trends of volunteer action in their own societies, including the major challenges which the Year can help to address, and to incorporate the subject of volunteering into high-level and other meetings and events during 2001;

3. *Invites* States to consider all means available for more people to become involved in voluntary action and to be drawn from a broader cross-section of society, especially from groups, including young people, older people and people with disabilities, in view of the benefits accruing to volunteers through volunteer action;

4. *Encourages* Governments, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, eminent persons and other relevant actors to take all possible measures to promote volunteer action, especially during the Year, in particular at the local level, and in cooperation with, inter alia, local authorities, community leaders, the media and schools;

5. *Encourages* United Nations system organizations to pay attention to the Year in their regular work and in their relevant meetings and to continue to collaborate with the United Nations Volunteers programme as focal point for the Year to ensure that the contributions of volunteers in their own areas of concern are fully recognized;

6. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to make appropriate suggestions and recommendations to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to further the contribution of volunteering to social development;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit his note[2] transmitting the contribution of the United Nations Volunteers programme to the preparations for the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", as a document of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, and requests him, furthermore, to disseminate it widely within the United Nations system, including by making it

[2] A/AC.253/16/Add.7.

available to the Commission on Human Settlements acting as preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the Habitat Agenda, the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for follow-up to the World Summit for Children, the preparatory committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-fifth session;

8. *Decides* that two plenary meetings of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly shall be devoted to volunteering, to coincide with the close of the International Year of Volunteers on 5 December 2001, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on ways Governments and the United Nations system could support volunteering for discussion on that occasion;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up.

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Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2000/14, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century". The text of the draft resolution is reproduced below.

Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 54/125 of 17 December 1999, it requested the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to submit, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Economic and Social Council, its declaration to the Millennium Assembly for consideration and action, and requested the Commission to give priority attention at its ninth session to the conclusions and recommendations of the Tenth Congress, with a view to recommending, through the Economic and Social Council, appropriate follow-up by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session,

Endorses the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, adopted by the States Members of the United Nations and the other States participating in the high-level segment of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held in Vienna from 10 to 17 April 2000,[1] as contained in the annex to the present resolution.

[1] See A/CONF.187/15.

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Annex

Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century

We the States Members of the United Nations,

Concerned about the impact on our societies of the commission of serious crimes of a global nature, and convinced of the need for bilateral, regional and international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Concerned in particular about transnational organized crime and the relationships between its various forms,

Convinced that adequate prevention and rehabilitation programmes are fundamental to an effective crime control strategy and that such programmes should take into account social and economic factors that may make people more vulnerable to and likely to engage in criminal behaviour,

Stressing that a fair, responsible, ethical and efficient criminal justice system is an important factor in the promotion of economic and social development and of human security,

Aware of the promise of restorative approaches to justice that aim to reduce crime and promote the healing of victims, offenders and communities,

Having assembled at the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in Vienna from 10 to 17 April 2000 to decide to take more effective concerted action, in a spirit of cooperation, to combat the world crime problem,

Declare as follows:

1. We note with appreciation the results of the regional preparatory meetings for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.[2]

2. We reaffirm the goals of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, specifically the reduction of criminality, more efficient and effective law enforcement and administration of justice, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct.

3. We emphasize the responsibility of each State to establish and maintain a fair, responsible, ethical and efficient criminal justice system.

4. We recognize the necessity of closer coordination and cooperation among States in combating the world crime problem, bearing in mind that action against it is a common and shared responsibility. In this regard, we acknowledge the need to develop and promote technical cooperation activities to assist States in their efforts to strengthen their domestic criminal justice systems and their capacity for international cooperation.

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[2] A/CONF.187/RPM.1/1 and Corr.1, A/CONF.187/RPM.2/1, A/CONF.187/RPM.3/1 and A/CONF.187/RPM.4/1.

5. We shall accord high priority to the completion of the negotiation of the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime and the protocols thereto, taking into account the concerns of all States.

6. We support efforts to assist States in capacity-building, including in obtaining training and technical assistance and in developing legislation, regulations and expertise, with a view to facilitating the implementation of the convention and the protocols thereto.

7. Consistent with the goals of the convention and the protocols thereto, we shall endeavour:

(a) To incorporate a crime prevention component into national and international development strategies;

(b) To intensify bilateral and multilateral cooperation, including technical cooperation, in the areas to be covered by the convention and the protocols thereto;

(c) To enhance donor cooperation in areas with crime prevention aspects;

(d) To strengthen the capability of the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention, as well as the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, to assist States, at their request, in building capacity in areas to be covered by the convention and the protocols thereto.

8. We welcome the efforts being made by the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention to develop, in cooperation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, a comprehensive global overview of organized crime as a reference tool and to assist Governments in policy and programme development.

9. We reaffirm our continued support for and commitment to the United Nations and to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, especially the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention, the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and the institutes of the Programme network, and resolve to strengthen the Programme further through sustained funding, as appropriate.

10. We undertake to strengthen international cooperation in order to create a conducive environment for the fight against organized crime, promoting growth and sustainable development and eradicating poverty and unemployment.

11. We commit ourselves to taking into account and addressing, within the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, as well as within national crime prevention and criminal justice strategies, any disparate impact of programmes and policies on women and men.

12. We also commit ourselves to the development of action-oriented policy recommendations based on the special needs of women as criminal justice practitioners, victims, prisoners and offenders.

13. We emphasize that effective action for crime prevention and criminal justice requires the involvement, as partners and actors, of Governments, national, regional, interregional and international institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and various segments of civil society, including the mass media and the private sector, as well as the recognition of their respective roles and contributions.

14. We commit ourselves to the development of more effective ways of collaborating with one another with a view to eradicating the scourge of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and the smuggling of migrants. We shall also consider supporting the global programme against trafficking in persons developed by the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, which is subject to close consultation with States and review by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and we establish 2005 as the target year for achieving a significant decrease in the incidence of those crimes worldwide and, where that is not attained, for assessing the actual implementation of the measures advocated.

15. We also commit ourselves to the enhancement of international cooperation and mutual legal assistance to curb illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and we establish 2005 as the target year for achieving a significant decrease in their incidence worldwide.

16. We further commit ourselves to taking enhanced international action against corruption, building on the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions,[3] the International Code of Conduct for Public Officials,[4] relevant regional conventions and regional and global forums. We stress the urgent need to develop an effective international legal instrument against corruption, independent of the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime, and we invite the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to request the Secretary-General to submit to it at its tenth session, in consultation with States, a thorough review and analysis of all relevant international instruments and recommendations as part of the preparatory work for the development of such an instrument. We shall consider supporting the global programme against corruption developed by the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, which is subject to close consultation with States and review by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

17. We reaffirm that combating money-laundering and the criminal economy constitutes a major element of the strategies against organized crime, established as a principle in the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, adopted by the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, held at Naples, Italy, from 21 to 23 November 1994.[5] We are convinced that the success of this action rests

[3] Resolution 51/191, annex.

[4] Resolution 51/59, annex.

[5] A/49/748, annex, sect. I.A.

upon setting up broad regimes and coordinating appropriate mechanisms to combat the laundering of proceeds of crime, including the provision of support to initiatives focusing on States and territories offering offshore financial services that allow the laundering of the proceeds of crime.

18. We decide to develop action-oriented policy recommendations on the prevention and control of computer-related crime, and we invite the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to undertake work in this regard, taking into account the ongoing work in other forums. We also commit ourselves to working towards enhancing our ability to prevent, investigate and prosecute high-technology and computer-related crime.

19. We note that acts of violence and terrorism continue to be of grave concern. In conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and taking into account all the relevant General Assembly resolutions, we shall together, in conjunction with our other efforts to prevent and to combat terrorism, take effective, resolute and speedy measures with respect to preventing and combating criminal activities carried out for the purpose of furthering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. With this in view, we undertake to do our utmost to foster universal adherence to the international instruments concerned with the fight against terrorism.

20. We also note that racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance continue, and we recognize the importance of taking steps to incorporate into international crime prevention strategies and norms measures to prevent and combat crime associated with racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance.

21. We affirm our determination to combat violence stemming from intolerance on the basis of ethnicity, and we resolve to make a strong contribution, in the area of crime prevention and criminal justice, to the planned World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

22. We recognize that the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice contribute to efforts to deal with crime effectively. We also recognize the importance of prison reform, the independence of the judiciary and the prosecution authorities, and the International Code of Conduct for Public Officials. We shall endeavour, as appropriate, to use and apply the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice in national law and practice. We undertake to review relevant legislation and administrative procedures, as appropriate, with a view to providing the necessary education and training to the officials concerned and ensuring the necessary strengthening of institutions entrusted with the administration of criminal justice.

23. We also recognize the value of the model treaties on international cooperation in criminal matters as important tools for the development of international cooperation, and we invite the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to call upon the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention to update the *Compendium of United Nations Standards and*

Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice[6] in order to provide the most up-to-date versions of the model treaties to States seeking to utilize them.

24. We further recognize with great concern that juveniles in difficult circumstances are often at risk of becoming delinquent or easy candidates for recruitment by criminal groups, including groups involved in transnational organized crime, and we commit ourselves to undertaking countermeasures to prevent this growing phenomenon and to including, where necessary, provisions for juvenile justice in national development plans and international development strategies and to including the administration of juvenile justice in our funding policies for development cooperation.

25. We recognize that comprehensive crime prevention strategies at the international, national, regional and local levels must address the root causes and risk factors related to crime and victimization through social, economic, health, educational and justice policies. We urge the development of such strategies, aware of the proven success of prevention initiatives in numerous States and confident that crime can be reduced through applying and sharing our collective expertise.

26. We commit ourselves to according priority to containing the growth and overcrowding of pre-trial and detention prison populations, as appropriate, by promoting safe and effective alternatives to incarceration.

27. We decide to introduce, where appropriate, national, regional and international action plans in support of victims of crime, such as mechanisms for mediation and restorative justice, and we establish 2002 as a target date for States to review their relevant practices, to develop further victim support services and awareness campaigns on the rights of victims and to consider the establishment of funds for victims, in addition to developing and implementing witness protection policies.

28. We encourage the development of restorative justice, policies, procedures and programmes that are respectful of the rights, needs and interests of victims, offenders, communities and all other parties.

29. We invite the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to design specific measures for the implementation and follow-up of the commitments that we have undertaken in the present Declaration.

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[6] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.92.IV.1 and corrigendum.

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Follow-up to the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2000/12, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders". The text of the draft resolution is reproduced below.

Follow-up to the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/125 of 17 December 1999,

Taking note with appreciation of the results of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held in Vienna from 10 to 17 April 2000,[1] including the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, adopted by the Tenth Congress during its high-level segment, which were considered by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its ninth session, held in Vienna from 18 to 20 April 2000,

1. *Urges* Governments, in their efforts to prevent and combat crime, especially transnational crime, and to maintain well-functioning criminal justice systems, to be guided by the results of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;[1]

[1] See A/CONF.187/15.

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2. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to continue at its tenth session its consideration of the findings and recommendations embodied in the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, adopted by the Tenth Congress, and, as appropriate, the report of the Tenth Congress and to take appropriate action;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States, draft plans of action to include specific measures for the implementation of and follow-up to the commitments undertaken in the Declaration for consideration and action by the Commission at its tenth session.

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An effective international legal instrument against corruption

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By its resolution 2000/13, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "An effective international legal instrument against corruption". The text of the draft resolution is reproduced below.

An effective international legal instrument against corruption

The General Assembly,

Noting the corrosive effect that corruption has on democracy, development, the rule of law and economic activity,

Recalling its resolutions 53/111 of 9 December 1998, by which it established the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and 54/126 of 17 December 1999, in which it requested the Ad Hoc Committee to complete its work in 2000,

Recalling also its resolution 54/128 of 17 December 1999, in which it requested the Ad Hoc Committee to explore the desirability of an international instrument against corruption, either ancillary to or independent of the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime,

Taking note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its seventh session,[1] during which it considered the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/128,

Recalling the debates and especially the statements made at the high-level segment and the results of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of

[1] A/AC.254/25.

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Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held in Vienna from 10 to 17 April 2000,[2] in particular the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century,

Bearing in mind the need to prepare a broad instrument that takes into account existing international conventions against corruption,

1. *Recognizes* that an effective international legal instrument against corruption, independent of the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime, is desirable;

2. *Decides* to start the elaboration of such an instrument in Vienna at the headquarters of the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report analysing all relevant international legal instruments, other documents and recommendations addressing corruption,[3] considering, inter alia, obligations as regards criminalization of all forms of corruption and international cooperation, regulatory aspects of corruption and the relationship between corruption and money-laundering, and to submit it to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at an inter-sessional session in order to allow Member States to provide comments to the Commission prior to its tenth session;

4. *Requests* the Commission, at its tenth session, to review and assess the report of the Secretary-General and, on that basis, to provide recommendations and guidance as to future work on the development of a legal instrument against corruption;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene, upon completion of the negotiation of the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime and the related protocols, an intergovernmental open-ended expert group to examine and prepare, on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General and of the recommendations of the Commission at its tenth session, draft terms of reference for the negotiation of the future legal instrument against corruption;

6. *Requests* the intergovernmental open-ended expert group to submit the draft terms of reference for the negotiation of the future legal instrument, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session for adoption;

7. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc committee for the negotiation of such an instrument to start its work in Vienna as soon as the draft terms of reference for such negotiation are adopted;

8. *Invites* donor countries to assist the United Nations to ensure the effective participation of developing countries, in particular least developed countries, in the work of the intergovernmental open-ended expert group and the ad hoc committee, including travel and local expenses;

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[2] See A/CONF.187/15.

[3] See the annex to the present resolution for an indicative list of such legal instruments, documents and recommendations.

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Commission and the intergovernmental open-ended expert group with the required facilities and resources to support their work.

Annex

Indicative list of international legal instruments, documents and recommendations against corruption

(a) International Code of Conduct for Public Officials;[4]

(b) United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions;[5]

(c) General Assembly resolution 54/128, in which the Assembly subscribed to the conclusions and recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Corruption and its Financial Channels, held in Paris from 30 March to 1 April 1999;[6]

(d) Report of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held in Vienna from 10 to 17 April 2000;[7]

(e) Inter-American Convention against Corruption, adopted by the Organization of American States on 29 March 1996;[8]

(f) Recommendation 32 of the Senior Experts Group on Transnational Organized Crime, endorsed by the Political Group of Eight in Lyon, France, on 29 June 1996;[9]

(g) The Twenty Guiding Principles for the Fight against Corruption, adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 6 November 1997;

(h) Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions adopted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development on 21 November 1997;[10]

(i) Agreement Establishing the Group of States against Corruption, adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 5 May 1998, and Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 4 November 1998;[11]

(j) Measure on Combating Corruption in the Private Sector, adopted by the European Union on 22 December 1998;

(k) Declarations made by the first Global Forum on Fighting Corruption, held in Washington, D.C., from 24 to 26 February 1999,[12] and the second Global Forum to be held in The Hague in 2001;

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[4] Resolution 51/59, annex.
[5] Resolution 51/191, annex.
[6] E/CN.15/1999/10, paras. 1-14.
[7] A/CONF.187/15.
[8] See E/1996/99.
[9] See Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/22, annex I.
[10] See *Corruption and Integrity Improvement Initiatives in Developing Countries* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.98.III.B.18).
[11] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 173.
[12] E/CN.15/1999/WP.1/Add.1.

(l) Civil Law Convention on Corruption, adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 9 September 1999;[13]

(m) Model Code of Conduct for Public Officials, adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 11 May 2000;

(n) Principles to Combat Corruption in African Countries of the Global Coalition for Africa;

(o) Conventions and related protocols of the European Union on corruption;

(p) Best practices such as those compiled by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering and the International Organization of Securities Commissions.

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[13] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 174.